(a) the number of youths who have been given financial assistance under the PMRY for starting small scale business for the last five years alongwith annual figures in this regard;

(b) how many of them are able to earn a living for themselves by PMRY; and

(c) the State-wise figures especially with reference to Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (c) The statement showing State-wise number of cases of loan sanctioned and disbursed to the youth under the Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana by banks against the targets fixed for each of the last five years i.e. from 1994-95 to 1998-99, as reported by the Reserve Bank of India, is at Annexure I (*See* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 45)

(b) According to the Field Study conducted by the Reserve Bank of India, in 76 percent of the cases of Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana, assets were created and are performing. State-wise figures are not available.

Small Scale Industries Facing Closure

1672 SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:
SHRI SATISH CHANDRA:
SITARAM PRADHAN:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that small scale industries are on the brink of closure due to Government policies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would adopt any policy for providing re-employment to lakhs of people who will turn jobless due to closure of small scale industries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) how many small scale industries are closed in the city of Thane (Maharashtra) and measures taken by Govenrment in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATSTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) 178 SSI units in Thane are reported to be closed. There exists an elaborate mechanism for identification and rehabilitation of sick SSI units, including the State-level Inter Institutional Committees constituted by the Reserve Bank of India. RBI has issued detailed guidelines for providing assistance to potentially viable sick units, which, inter alia, includes reschedulement of loans, need based additional finance, etc. Government of Maharashtra has constituted District-level Sick Unit Rehabilitation Committees under the Chairmanship of the District Collector. Units meeting sickness criteria prescribed by RBI can approach the Sick Unit Rehabilitation Committee for rehabilitation assistance. As reported by the State Government, none of the closed units in Thane have so far approached the Committee for their revival.

Investment ceiling for Industrial Instruments

†1673. DR. MAHESH CHANDRA SHARMA: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the investment ceiling for industrial instruments in the small scale industries was upto one crore rupees and the same has been increased upto three crore rupees, and whether Prime Minister ever declared to withdraw the provision of increase in the investment ceiling;